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Great and Good Friend:

Being anxious to maintain without interruption the relations of sincere friendship and good accord which happily unite Our two countries, I have made choice of Hiroshi Oshima, Zyusii, Second Class of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, and conferred upon him the high mission of representing Myself near Your Excellency as My Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in succession to Saburo Kurusu, Zyussanmi, Second Class of the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, who for some time past has resided near Your Excellency in the same capacity.

The knowledge which I have of Hiroshi Oshima's fidelity, his zeal for My service, and his talents, as well as of the other personal qualities which so eminently distinguish him, convinces Me that he will accomplish, to My entire satisfaction, the honourable mission which is entrusted to him, and that he will neglect nothing in order to merit Your Excellency's esteem and confidence.

I therefore request that Your Excellency will give full credence to whatever he shall communicate to You in My name, more especially when he shall express to You My

earnest

To His Excellency Adolf Hitler,
Chancellor of Germany.

earnest wishes for Your happiness and for the prosperity
of Your Country, and shall assure You of the profound
esteem and invariable attachment with which I am,

Great and Good Friend,

Your sincere Friend,

Sign-Manual: H I R O H I T O.

At Hayama,

the tenth day of the first month

of the sixteenth year of Syowa.

C E R T I F I C A T E

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section,

Japanese Foreign Office , hereby certify that

the document hereto attached in English consisting

of 2 ~~pages~~ and entitled" Letter of Credence of

Ambassador Oshima dated 10 January 1941.

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is an exact and true copy of an official document of the

Japanese Foreign Office.

Certified at Tokyo,

on this 16th day of October, 1947.

/s/ K. Hayashi.
Signature of Official

Witness: /s/ K. Urabe

良友

朕ハ貴我兩國ヲ聯結スル友好親睦ノ關係ヲ開斷ナク維持センコトヲ希ヒ茲ニ
朕カ特命全權大使トシテ貴宰相ノ下ニ職ヲ奉シタル從三位勳二等來栖三郎ノ
後任トシテ正四位勳二等入局浩ヲ選ビ委ヌルニ朕カ特命全權大使トシテ貴宰相
相ノ下ニ註劄シ朕ヲ代表スルノ重任ヲ以テシタリ浩人ト爲リ忠誠職ヲ執ル勳
佐ニシテ又才幹アリ且其ノ性格ノ剛勇ナル朕ノ久シク知悉スル所ニシテ其ノ
光榮アル使命ヲ遂行スルニ當リ全然朕ノ意ニ適ヒ又貴宰相ノ殊過信任ニ副ハ
シカ爲勳精盡力可クモ缺漏ナカルヘキハ朕ノ確信スル所ナリ因テ朕ハ浩カ朕
ノ名々以テ貴宰相ニ以テ聞スル所ノモノハ總テ貴宰相ノ總信ヲ爲ス朕カ貴宰相
相ノ慶福ト貴宰相ノ福トヲ祈ルノ誠意ヲ致シ朕カ深厚ニシテ恒久渝ラサル敬
愛ノ哀情ヲ披瀝スルニ際シアハ深ク其ノ言ヲ信セラレンコトヲ望ム

昭和十六年一月十日

栗山ニ於テ

貴宰相ノ良友

裕仁

獨逸國宰相

アドルフ・ヒトラー閣下